

MTA-6009
2 July 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- June 1986

I. GENERAL

A recent inspection by a State Department IG team gave rise to the verbal recommendation that the current cash payroll system be abandoned in favor of a check or direct bank deposit system, given the significantly higher cost of administering the cash only system. Embassy and bureau local employees reacted to the recommendation with alarm. In a series of meetings prompted by news of the recommendation, the overwhelming majority of the embassy's FSN's and the bureau FBN's indicated that they would have no choice but to resign if such a system were implemented. Following a tense week, representatives of embassy foreign national employees met with the Ambassador, who indicated his willingness to continue the cash only system if the cost of administering it were borne by the employees. This proposal was accepted and the crisis appears to have passed. Details have yet to be worked out and the implementation will await the formal IG recommendation that the pay system be changed.

And the check goes on!
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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The Turkish Section assumed coverage of Moscow Turkish from 19-30 June while the BBC's Turkish monitor took annual leave.

B. Technical

The Engineering Section has configured one of the bureau Comscribe printers to serve as a serial printer in conjunction with the Communications Section PC/XT and the Bach software. This configuration enables the bureau to print files generated with Bach, such as lists of packages, and it supports various word processing programs; applications which would normally require the purchase of an IBM-compatible parallel printer.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

Engineer [] family - his wife [] and daughters [] arrived in Israel on 14 June, accompanied by two dogs and a cat, STAT
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Bureau Teletypist [] resigned effective 9 June to take a job in the embassy Visa Section. Fortunately, the bureau has a fully trained replacement for [] in the person of former teletypist [] who is expected to return to duty at the bureau on 6 July. STAT
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A 5.8 percent cost of living increase in the base pay of bureau FBN employees was approved by the Department of State and FBIS Headquarters. The increase is effective 1 June.

IV. VISITS

FBIS Security Officer [] visited the bureau from 23-24 June. [] inspected and photographed the bureau and briefed bureau employees on ways to counter terrorism as well as on other security issues. STAT
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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for JUNE 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	176590
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	52370
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	560

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6113.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	3150
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	2550
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	660
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	8510

CYPRUS	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0

GREECE	
Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	32910
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	14110
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	12340
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	710

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	12000		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			940
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			1420
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			460
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			850
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			2870
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			290
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Al-NAHAR in Arabic			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			440
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			14120
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			6370
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			2230
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			6780
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			9200
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2070
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			400
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			3260
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			6260

SOVIET UNION

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0
Moscow in Turkish	0
Moscow in Dari	0

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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TURKEY

Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	24770	
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Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1250
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Ankara ANATOLIA in English		5670
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Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0
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Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish		0
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Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish		0
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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	0	
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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JUNE . 1986 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 176,590 (226,570)

TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 52,370 (62,160)

DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 7,632 (9,314)

HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 14,550 on 27 June 1986

LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 1,410 on 7 June 1986

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.5 PERCENT.

OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.5 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 12 June - Problems
 27 June - maintenance
 28 June - Satellite was down
 30 June - Repair work

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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 210

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.